

preserve the State House from being damaged as much possible;—
therefore,

Resolved, That the messenger to the Governor and Council for the time being, be, and he is hereby authorised, to take charge of all that part of the State House, except the public offices, and that he keep the same clean, and prevent damages from being committed thereon, as much as possible, and that he be directed to permit no persons whatever to use any of the said buildings without first obtaining leave from the Governor and the Council.

Resolved, That the Governor and Council be and they are hereby authorised and requested to make such allowance to the said Messenger to the Governor and Council, for taking care of the said building, as they may think reasonable, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five pounds, current money." Before examining this resolution, and the several laws fixing the *regular* salary of the Messenger, within the time embraced by Mr. Thompson's account, we were satisfied that he was entitled to the allowance claimed, and therefore passed his account, and gave him an order on the Treasury for its amount. He has also received in quarterly payments, with his regular salary, since February, 1831, fifty dollars per annum for services rendered under the resolution of 1785, and consequently received on that account, \$100 for the last two years.

The Messenger of the Council has long purchased and attended to putting away the necessary fuel for the public offices. I know of no authority, but custom, which I suppose has become "common law," for his doing so, and for the compensation paid him for these services, which as I understand, has always been a commission of ten per centum, and which for the last two years, as far as his accounts have been settled, amounted to \$121 19, which has been paid to him.

With the highest respect,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS W. VEAZEY.

Copy of a letter from Thomas Culbreth, Esq. Clerk of the Council, to Josiah Bayly, Esquire, Attorney General.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Annapolis, June 12th, 1837.

DEAR SIR:

The Governor and Council request your official opinion, whether the Clerk of the Council is entitled to the fees allowed by the act of 1805, chapter 65, section 50, for recording commissions of civil officers, in addition to the salary fixed by other laws?

Until December session, 1827, both before and since the passage of the act of 1805, the Clerk of the Council received a fixed annual salary by annual acts. At December session, 1822, the act fixing the salary had the addition, "in lieu of all other remuneration